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TAGS: OVIP (EILTS, AMBASSADOR HERMANN FR.)

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S TRAVEL

1. AS YOU KNOW, THE SECRETARY HAS ASKED ME TO RETURN FOR CONSULTATION JANUARY 5-6. I AM CURRENTLY BOOKED ON TWA 841 VIA ROME TO NEW YORK, ETA 1555. HOW I GET ON TO WASHINGTON WILL HAVE TO BE DETERMINED ON ARRIVAL.

2. I AM CONCERNED THAT ROME AIRPORT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY CHAOTIC AND ALL RECENT TRAVELLERS ARE COMPLAINING THAT ITALIAN AUTHORITIES WHO ARE OPERATING AIRPORT AFTER NATIONALIZATION ARE TOTALLY UNRELIABLE AND INVARIABLY OVERBOOK WITH RESULT PASSENGERS ARE STRANDED FOR HOURS. TWA HAS ASKED THE ROME OFFICE ASSIST IN ONWARD ARRANGEMENTS, BUT STATES QUITE FRANKLY IT CANNOT RPT CANNOT GUARANTEE ANYTHING IN ROME. THIS MEANS TRANSITTING ROME IS HIGHLY UNCERTAIN. THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE FLIGHT OUT OF CAIRO ON JAN 5:

LUFTHANSA 627 TO MUNICH CONNECTING THERE WITH PANAM 73 DIRECTLY TO DULLES. IN VIEW RESTRICTIONS ON USE FOREIGN AIRLINES, PLEASE CHECK WITH RAN HUNT TO INQUIRE WHETHER, IN VIEW UNCERTAINTY ROME CONNECTION, I COULD
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BE AUTHORIZED USE LUFTHANSA-PANAM COMBINATION. IT

IS OBVIOUSLY TOO LATE TO MAKE THIS KIND OF A
DECISION IF STUCK IN ROME AND ENTIRE FLIGHT EITHER WAY
IS A VERY LONG ONE.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING IMMEDIATELY
NECESSARY FISCAL DATA TO COVER TRIP.

4. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR ARRANGING HOTEL
ACCOMMODATIONS, PREFERABLY AT COLUMBIA PLAZA OR
RIVERSIDE TOWERS. PLEASE ADVISE HOTEL THAT I MIGHT
NOT ARRIVE UNTIL LATE IN THE EVENING.
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